

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Psalm 19:1.

THE OTISFIELD NEWS

THURSDAY
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The officers of the Otisfield Juvenile Grange #133 were installed Friday evening. Mrs. Edna Young of Auburn was the installing officer.

Laura Fickett and Helen Mitchell were in Lewiston Monday. Mrs. Fickett visited her dentist.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goss spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hilliard in Auburn.

Lucille Gillham and daughter Ivy Elaine spent Tuesday with Bernice Blossom.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Webber are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Shari Dell, at the C.M.G. Hospital. Miss Shari arrived Wednesday January 30. Mrs. Webber hopes to be home with her new daughter the last of the week.

Mabel Wilbur is visiting the Geo. Turners in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hamlin spent Tuesday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dyer.

George Hoyt was injured Tuesday. The report is that he broke several ribs.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peaco were dinner guests Sunday of his mother Lillian Peaco and grandmother Helen Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wiley were in Norway last Friday purchasing some congoletum for their home.

Five of our Otisfield Girls are on the Honor Roll in Oxford High School.

Hazel Stone Russell has been in the hospital and is reported to be gaining slowly.

Henry Hamilton had the misfortune to lose the end of one of his fingers one night last week. He will be out of the Oxford Mill two weeks.

Kenneth Lang and Margaret Greenwood of Laconia New Hampshire were united in marriage in the Advent Church in Merideth N.H. on January 6. The Rev. Moore was the officiating clergyman. Mr. Lang is the son of C.R. Lang, who drives Cushmans truck and is a fireman 1/C in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed in Jacksonville Florida. Mrs. Lang is attending Laconia Business College.

Doris Ramsdell Whitman has been ill with the "flu".

Bernice Blossoms sister Rubira Crockett was operated on Wednesday at the Dye and Ear Infirmary in Portland.

Crooked River Grange met Saturday evening. They conferred the first and second degrees on four candidates.

There will be a joint meeting of the Mens and Womens Farm Bureau at Community Hall Friday evening. Supper will be served from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

Selma Hiltz is expecting her husband Linwood Hiltz home this week. Mrs. Hiltz will meet him in Boston. Everyone will welcome him home.

Fenetta Goggins left for Phillips Maine Tuesday where she will visit her cousins. While there she will help install the officers of the Eastern Star.

Selma Hiltz and her brother William Hill spent Monday evening with the Kenneth Blossoms.

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Nutting were in South Paris Tuesday.

Helen Jakola and Fenetta Goggins went to Lewiston Saturday morning to look at a piano for Anita. Miss Anita can now spend plenty of time practising.

Charles Reed lost a valuable cow recently.

The question mark in the Bell Hill Club is no more. The Bell Hill Walkie-Talkie Club is now organized properly and met with Mrs. Hill Monday afternoon. Mrs. Florence Peaco was added to the roster. The wind blew and the snow flew - as usual - but all the members arrived safe and sound. Several new projects were started. Refreshment were served by the hostess and were enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lombard spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stone.

Alline MacDonalds sister Kathleen is in the hospital. She has a toxic thyroid. Miss MacDonald reports that her mother is well.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Small are spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Almon Hirst.

Estelle Stone is not going to run for the school board this year. She feels that she cannot do justice to both her home duties and town office.

Howard Fickett has had a bad cold, but has kept at work.

How about putting Mrs. Amy Meister on the school board?

SCRIBNER HILL NOTES

Lena K. Dyer

We were glad to have the news from Bolsters Mills back again last week. We missed it, especially about Mrs. Hancocks pig. We have two smart ones on Scribner Hill, but they cant compete with hens. The Dyers have a small "Chester Lamb", and Peacos pig has the name of "Frank Bean".

Winter still seems to be with us. Suppose it is to be expected after Ground Hog Day. Howard Dyer didnt see the Ground Hog, but a nice little "Jimmie Skunk" walked down his logging road in front of him.

Mabel Peaco went to Circle and Mending Club Wednesday and Friday. Saturday afternoon she called on Dorothy Lamb and went to the store. Sunday she walked to church. Saturday evening her two granddaughters visited her. Thursday, Linley Peaco arrived in time for dinner.

Ernest Peaco went to Norway Tuesday with Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Butler.

Saturday John Pottle, Ralph Lamb and Howard Dyer went fishing. In the afternoon Margot and John Loungway joined the party. To date John is the champion fisherman of Scribner Hill. Ralph Lamb took the honors for East Otisfield. All I can say about John Pottle and Howard Dyer is that they had a good time, but got no fish. Better luck next time we hope.

Doris Culbert went to Circle and Mending Club. Saturday afternoon her cousin Mrs. Marr and son and daughter from Oxford called to see her.

Fred Culbert has had a cold for the past two weeks. One day its better and the next day worse. We all think he should consult a Doctor.

Norman and Margelia Hamlin were dinner guests of the Dyers Thursday. In the afternoon Norman and Howard went down to the pond to put the fish house on the ice.

Friday Mending Club met with Lena Dyer. The meeting this week will be with Mabel Peaco.

Sunday the Dyers went to Mechanic Falls for dinner.

Edwin Jillson killed a pig for Linley Peaco and one for Gifford Welch Saturday.

Rev. F. J. Loungway left for Boston Saturday afternoon.

Ellis Stone called on his father and mother Sunday afternoon.

He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed. - Socrates.

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct. - Benj. Disraeli.

OTISFIELD GORE

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wiles are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 9 and 1/2 lb. daughter born at the Norway Hospital February 1st. The young miss has been named Laurie Ann. Mr. Wiles was over Sunday night and shut off the water in the house as he and the two children are staying with his folks for awhile at Norway.

Nathaniel B. Green called on his uncle David Jillson Friday night.

Thannie and Ruby Green brought Myrtle Merrill home from the Bridgton Hospital last Saturday. Myrtle is still quite lame, but seems to be gaining all the time.

Helen Holt was sick in bed all of last week. She is up around some now, but is still quite weak. Her son David returned to school on Monday.

Robert Thomas of the U.S. Army arrived home Sunday morning for a short visit.

Lester, Shirley and Crystal Thomas were over town Saturday night. Shirley visited her sister Montress Wiles at the hospital.

Ralph Merrill was sick Monday and was unable to deliver his milk at Oxford.

Mr. Ralph Vining and son Donald and Eva Jillson were callers at Thannie Greens Saturday.

Earle Dresser and Charlie Thurlow had to shovel quite awhile Monday morning before Earle could get through with the school bus.

Myrtle and Vera Thurlow went back to school Monday.

Ralph Thomas and son Jr. were callers at Lester Thomas Thursday night. Jr. had a new guitar and he wanted his aunt to tune it for him.

Lester Thomas helped Charlie Thurlow put "specs" on his hens Sunday. Lester started out riding, but ended up by walking. We wouldn't be in quite such a mess if they had put the snow fence up this fall.

Sanford Annis has made up his mind that he has got to keep in good health if he survives this winter, as he is blocked in most of the time.

Callers at Charlie Thurlows Sunday were: Elmer Pollard, Joe Butler, Gardiner Goodwin and Howard Records and family. Before the Records could get there, the Thurlow girls had to help them shovel.

Dick Dresser took his first and second degrees in the Grange at Bolsters Mills Saturday night.

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GERTRUDE'S CORNER

Hi folks! Quite a lot of cool weather we have just now. What?

There used to be sayings about the cold days, but I do not know how they originated. One was "It's colder than it was when Remick died". Another one to say, some crackling cold morning when you come in rubbing your ears was, "Colder than it was when Tarbox perished!"

Let's see- The war is over

All that we know.

Yet far unsettled

And far to go

And where to "light down"

Is the U.N.O.

The U.S.O., the C.I.O.

The You S Oh!

One sign of spring this week; three agents and peddlers appeared. One had fish to sell, one fire extinguishers and one ear phones.

I grabbed 2 lbs. of fish, but let the others go along.

Gertrude I. Barrows.

SPURRS CORNER

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lamb have moved into the upstairs rent of their house. Mr. and Mrs. Merl Prout occupy the lower part of the house.

William Winslow of Mayberry Hill is on his way home from Samar of the Philippines. I know a very nice young fellow who will be very happy upon his arrival.

Mrs. Charles Mitchell and Mrs. Adelbert Knight called upon Mrs. Edwin Knight and Mrs. Elmer Latulip Tuesday.

Quite a few young people attended the Youth for Christ Rally at the Norway Baptist Church Saturday evening, February 9th. Rev. John Godfrey of West Peru had charge of the service.

Mrs. Betty Cross of Harrison and Mrs. Howard Shackley visited Mr. and Mrs. William Ash for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Knight and Mrs. Ralph Lamb were in Norway Monday.

Mrs. Grace Ash is visiting her husband's parents Mr. and Mrs. William Ash.

The Grange Circle met with Alice Knight February 6. There were ten members present and all had a good time.

Ensign Mary McAuliffe was a weekend guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McAuliffe.

George Hoyt was injured while working in the woods. He hurt several of his ribs.

Otisfield Grange will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening.

EDITORIAL

February, the second and shortest month of our calendar year is named from the Latin Februare, meaning to purify. The Roman expiatory festival, the Lupercalia, was celebrated at Rome during this month and a festival, the Februa, was held on the 15th of the month.

On the second day of February, Candlemas Day, the Catholic Church observes the feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary. Then candles are blessed for use during the following year and from this observance comes the name "Candlemas".

The third day of February believers go to church to have their throats blessed. There is a story that when Saint Blaise, a Christian was in prison, a woman brought her small child to him, choking on a fish bone. St. Blaise prayed and blessed the child and the child was healed.

The healing instead of hurting the souls of our neighbors is a goal on which we might set our eyes.

Otisfield Gore (cont'd)

Clifton Hill has finished working for Charles Thurlow and returned to Norway.

Sanford Annis has a nice Guernsey heifer that is due to freshen soon. He would like to sell her.

The Juvenile Grange at Spurrs Corner is putting on a box supper and dance February 15th. Thurlow's orchestra will furnish the music.

Lucille Annis was home over the week-end as was her mother Bessie Dresser.

Lester Thomas is fast getting his pulp wood yarded out. He has the dooryard and field full.

Town meeting comes three weeks from Monday. Anyone in Bolster's Mills, Otisfield Gore, South Otisfield or Spurrs Corner running for office? Two members of the school board must be elected. Ralph Lamb is objecting to holding quite so many town offices. He is very capable.

We will be quoting what the town officials have to say for the next few weeks.

I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.-Abraham Lincoln.

BOLSTERS MILLS

Old Mr. Groundhog didn't get up to see his shadow Saturday morning, but maybe he peeked out before the day was over. Mary Witham says there is going to be six more weeks of winter.

Upon Big Hill Street Wilmot Lord says there are fourteen dogs all told. He and Percy Grover are going to have a dog team and go rabbit hunting with them, with the rabbit dogs as the lead ones.

Ott Moulton of Bridgton called on his sister Grace Lord one evening last week.

Lill Skillings is still writing letters. She gets two or three a day. No wonder she stays up til eleven o'clock at night to answer them.

Joanne Knightly spent Sunday evening with Lill while her folks went to the movies at Bridgton.

Lydia Winslow Dennis called on a few friends Sunday, especially her brother Harry who has just been discharged from the Army. She had four brothers in the service at one time. Cecil was killed in action and her youngest brother Kenneth is in the Navy. Hobart has his discharge, too.

I saw Sarah Downing Saturday and she wanted me to let you people in Otisfield and elsewhere know that her Bakery is now open.

The city water has been running very slowly lately and Wilmot Lord and Walter Whitman have been trying to locate the trouble. They've been in everybodys house, vacant or not, and as yet haven't been able to locate the trouble.

Percy Grover has sold his fish house and got a new dog, which makes fifteen up on his street.

Net's Boy Friend was out helping her shovel snow the last storm we had. I should think she'd put some clothes on him, for it was pretty cold.

I find letters from God dropped in the street, and everyone is signed by God's name,

And I leave them where they are, for I know that wheresoe'er I go, Others will punctually come for ever and ever.

-Walt Whitman.

A politician thinks of the next election; a statesman, of the next generation.

- James Freeman Clarke.

L'Envoi

Rudyard Kipling

When Earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are twisted and dried
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall ne
it lie down for a eon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen
shall set us to work anew!

And those that were good shall be happy:

they shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall splash at a ten-league
canvas
with brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw
from-

Magdalene, Peter, and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a
sitting
and never be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us,
and

only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and
and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working,
and

each, in his separate star
Shall draw the Thing as he sees It
for
the God of Things as They Are!

In the December issue of Today's Woman there is a brief article entitled "Walk up to you troubles" by Adele de Leeuw. She begins by telling of going for a walk with her father. Looking ahead she saw a tremendous dark hill and she sobbed "Do we have to do that too? I can't it's too big-it's too high." Her father remarked that they would rest and then walk up to the hill, adding that when they got there they would find it gone. She found it true. She mentioned other incidents and concluded by saying, "And sometimes by merely walking up to your troubles you will find that they have shrunk to really laughable proportions!"

This is often true, the trouble that looms on the horizon becomes small as we meet and solve it.

Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and, following them, you reach your destiny.

-Carl Schurz.